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3. THE AMUASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN CONCEPT OF NEW TALKS BECAUSE " PANAMA HAS SOME FLEXIBILITY BUT IT CANNOT EASILY BE DEMONSTRATED IN FORMAL POSITION PAPERS". HE DECLINED SPECIFY ISSUES ON WHICH FLEXIBILITY EXISTS. COUNTRY DIRECTOR COMMENTED WE WOULD BE GRATIFIED TO OBSERVE SOME FLEXIBILITY.

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